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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of
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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING BUTANEDIOL BY COMBINED GAS PHASE
AND LIQUID PHASE SYNTHESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: